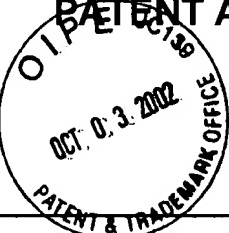


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the previously filed drawings with the formal drawings (9 sheets) submitted herewith under separate cover.

REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rahbar et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,337,350 (hereinafter the '350 patent). The Office takes the position that the '350 patent teaches several compounds including 2-amino-4-hydroxy benzoic acid, for the same methods of use embraced in the claims of the present invention. The Office argues that while the compounds do not anticipate the scope of claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, they are closely related, being positional isomers of compounds, i.e., they differ in the position of hydroxy and amino groups.